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SUBJECT: FCO ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A) KABUL 4069; B) KABUL 4094

1. W. KELVIN WHITE IN FCO BRIEFED EMBOFF MAY 22 ON
UK POSTURE IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN AFGHANISTAN.
BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN KABUL ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE

HAS JUST TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF A CALL ON THE NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SAY TO HIM THAT HMG HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN IN THE MFA STATEMENT OF MAY 17 ON TREATMENT OF THE WIVES AND CHILDREN, AND THAT HE THOUGHT UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WOULD WELCOME IT.

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2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS NOW REQUESTED FCO AUTHORIZATION TO APPROACH AFGHANI MINISTER OF JUSTICE SHARAEE LATER THIS WEEK AND SAY THAT HMG WELCOMES THE MFA STATEMENT. WHITE TOLD EMBOFF HE THOUGHT FCO WOULD PROBABLY GIVE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO.

3. MEANWHILE, WHITE CAUTIONED, HMG AND THE WESTERN POWERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL "NOT TO SLAM THE DOOR" ON THE NEW REGIME UNLESS WE RECEIVE "PROOF POSITIVE" THAT THE REGIME MERITS THAT TREATMENT. HENCE, FOR THE MOMENT WE SHOULD CONFINE OURSELVES TO PRIVATE APPROACHES TO THE AFGHAN REGIME RATHER THAN PUBLIC ACTS.

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